

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, Sinclair's actions are serving merely it's own business interests, and the personal interests of it's owners. This is clearly an abuse of thier position. It is an abuse that is so overt that it is obscene. Allowing this to go on unchecked is far more obscene and damaging to our country than any "un-bleeped" curse word, or nudity could ever be.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.